

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The method for electronic commerce over a network of ~~claim 1~~ claim 12 wherein said manufacturer specific order further comprises a customer identifier.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method for electronic commerce over a network of ~~claim 1~~ claim 12 wherein said computer network is a world wide web.

7. (currently amended) The method for electronic commerce over a network of ~~claim 1~~ claim 12 further comprising:
transmitting a purchase order from said customer to said exchange prior to said transporting a product through said computer network.

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 7 further comprising transmitting a purchase confirmation from said exchange to said manufacturer through said computer network.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12.(currently amended) A method for electronic commerce over a computer network, said method comprising:
transmitting an order entry data set from a customer to an exchange through said computer network wherein said order entry data set comprises a product identifier and a product volume;
determining a manufacturer from said product identifier;
transmitting a manufacturer specific order from said exchange through said computer network to said manufacturer wherein said manufacturer specific order comprises said product identifier and said product volume;
transmitting a product availability request from said manufacturer to a dealer through said computer network wherein said product availability request comprises said product identifier and said product volume;
transmitting an availability report from said dealer to said manufacturer through said computer network wherein said availability report comprises a dealer price adjustment;
transmitting a manufacturers confirmation report from said manufacturer to said exchange through said computer network wherein said manufacturers confirmation report comprises an availability index derived from said availability report and a customer price derived from a contractual relationship between said customer and said manufacturer;
transmitting a product order confirmation from said exchange to said customer through said computer network wherein said product order confirmation comprises said manufacturers confirmation report;

transporting a product corresponding to said product
identifier from said dealer to said customer;
transferring purchase funds from said customer to said
dealer through said computer network wherein said
purchase funds correspond to said customer price; and
transferring manufacturer funds from said dealer to said
manufacturer through said computer network ~~The method for~~
~~electronic commerce over a network of claim 11~~ wherein said
customer price comprises said contractual price
relationship and said dealer price adjustment.

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34-39. (withdrawn)